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Toshitsugu YAMAMOTO

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Group Art Unit: 2624

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD INTENSIVELY PROVIDING DOTS IN HALFTONE

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Mail Stop Amendment Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

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Total Claims	11	21	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	6	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
		Multiple claims newly presented			\$0.00
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Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2004.

Amendments to the claims appear in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.